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Procrustean scheme by which they were made to fit into ready-made rubrics" (p. 967).

Sociologists and ethnologists are now awaiting with keen interest the next promised symposium of studies from the same group of authors on the Sun Dance of the Plains Indians, the first instalment of which has just appeared.

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Our Democracy, Its Origin and Its Tasks. By JAMES H. TUFTS, Professor in the University of Chicago. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1917. Pp. vi+327.

"This book is not for the scholar. It is intended for the citizen—and the prospective citizen." It is essentially a primer of democracy for juveniles. As such it has value, but for the readers of this journal it has little significance. Its materials, familiar to every reader of English and American history, are carefully chosen and well organized. The book is written with the utmost simplicity of style. It leaves the impression of a child's history.

Part I deals with "The Beginnings of Co-operation, Order, and Liberty." Kinship society is sketched to show the genesis of co-operative effort; the rise of the state as an institution of order imposed by a band of warriors upon the conquered; the growth of town life during the Middle Ages with its crafts, guilds, classes, and moral ideals giving fuller and freer co-operation; and finally the origin and development of liberty in the English nation reviewed.

Part II treats of "Liberty, Union, Democracy in the New World." How American liberty arose, how the union was formed and made secure, and how self-government together with a measure of equality has been achieved are set forth with much analysis, definition, exposition, and some criticism.

Throughout the work the author contends that special privilege once acquired by the few is the means of its extension to all.

The tasks of our democracy to which the author addresses himself are neither fully grasped nor adequately treated. The great struggle for economic and industrial equality merits far greater space than this work assigns. This with other omissions renders the book less complete than could be desired.

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